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## DID WELL AT PENSACOLA

The catches of red snapper and grouper landed during the week ending May 2 by the two big fishing companies reached 171,585 lbs., of which 127,400 pounds was red snapper and 44,185 pounds grouper. Thirteen vessels brought the fish to market, seven to E. E. Saunders & Co., and six to the Warren Fish Co. The Warren crafts had a total of 92,560 pounds, of which 68,965 pounds was red snapper and 23,595 pounds grouper. The Saunders smacks had a total of 79,025 pounds, of which 58,435 pounds was red snapper and 20,590 pounds grouper. Following were the receipts:

Warren Fish Co.—Clara J. Silva, 4,400 pounds red snapper, 4,720 pounds grouper; Barcelona, 12,030 pounds red snapper, 5,550 pounds grouper; Hope, 18,955 pounds red snapper, 4,425 pounds grouper; Halcyon, 2,375 pounds red snapper, 2,405 lbs. grouper; Emma Jane, 12,770 lbs. red snapper, 1,500 pounds grouper; Rena A. Percy, 20,465 pounds red snapper, 4,995 pounds grouper.

E. E. Saunders & Co.—Ruth A. Welles, 14,085 pounds red snapper, 1,120 pounds grouper; John M. Keene, 1,780 pounds red snapper, 5,145 pounds grouper; Caviare, 5,645 lbs. red snapper, 1,920 pounds grouper; Wallace A. McDonald, 6,325 pounds red snapper, 1,225 pounds grouper; Angelina, 5,475 pounds red snapper, 1,475 pounds grouper; Louisa F. Harper, 12,865 pounds red snapper, 2,030 pounds grouper; Lottie S. Haskins, 9,260 pounds red snapper, 1,675 pounds grouper.

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## CAPT. PETERSON IS DOING WELL

One of the fine trips made in the fish halibut fishery is that of sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Charles Peterson, arriving this week, which stocked 1800, while the crew shared \$97.47 per, apiece.

Capt. Peterson recently took command of the Gray and is starting out well. The craft landed her halibut in Boston where she struck a fair market and brought her codfish here.

### Bait and Ice Reports.

Amherst Harbor, May 8—No herring reported from anywhere this morning except some in net at Grand Naray. Ice yet around Amherst Island and Pleasant Bay, lots of bank-ice around.

Queensport, May 8—Herring fair day, no ice.

### Port aux Basques Weather.

Port aux Basques report today: Temperature 33, cloudy, wind northwest, no rain.

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## NEW PIER HAS ELEVEN TRIPS

No Large Fares in the Lot  
—Haddock Hold Up  
Good Price.

The South Boston pier had all the fish that arrived at Boston this morning, 10 fares being reported. The largest were those of schs. Valerie, 40,000 pounds; Pontiac, 32,000 pounds; James and Esther, 50,000 pounds.

Prices, wholesale were \$4 to \$4.50 a hundred for haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.50 for large cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75 for market cod, \$1 to \$2.25 for hake, \$1.75 for pollock, and \$1 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Valerie, 27,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 600 pollock.

Sch. Natalie Nelson, 24,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 28,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Advance, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 13,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 600 haddock, 4500 cod, 10,000 hake, 11,000 cusk.

Sch. James and Esther, 40,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Rover, 600 haddock, 1700 cod.

Sch. Viking, 200 haddock, 19,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 3500 cod.

Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Peak cod, \$1.80 for large; medium, \$1.40.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.50; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.

Fresh halibut 11c per lb. for white, 8c for gray.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait, \$2 to freeze.

### Going Seining.

Steamer A. B. Nickerson is here from Provincetown to fit for seining.

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## SOME CATCHES HERE TO SPLIT

Gill Netters Had a Very Thin  
Day Yesterday—Few  
Going.

Nearly 100,000 pounds of fresh fish from yesterday's market at Boston was sent here to the splitters this morning. The crafts arriving are schs. Harriett, 55,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 25,000 pounds. Emily Sears, 15,000 pounds.

The gill netters yesterday had small trips generally, 2000 pounds being the largest trip. Fish are reported scarce and the fleet is becoming comparatively smaller each day.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, via Boston, 25,000 lbs fresh fish.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston, 15,000 lbs fresh fish

Str Julia May gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Angie B. Watson shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Manomet, via Boston.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, shore.

Str. A. B. Nickerson, Provincetown.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Eleanor, haddocking.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, haddocking.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, drifting.

Sch. Tacoma, drifting.

## N. S. FISH FIRMS JOINING HANDS

The Nova Scotia branch of the Canadian Fisheries Association was organized at a meeting held in Halifax last week. A. H. Whitman was elected president. W. M. Hodge of Lockeport, vice-president, and S. Y. Wilson, secretary. The following scale of membership fees was adopted:

A firm employing 10 hands ..... \$10

A firm employing 5 to 9 hands .... 5

A firm employing 3 to 5 hands ... 2

Individuals ..... 1

The association will endeavor to secure as large a membership as possible.

Talking with the "Merchant" Mr. Whitman, the President, said that broadly, the object of the new organization is to encourage co-opera-

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tion among those interested in a fishing industry. Our total trade in fresh fish is not large, and may not permit of such expansion as some enthusiasts think, but there is no reason said he, why it may not be profitable if fierce competition should give place to friendly co-operation. The trade have been coming to a recognition of this fact for some time, and I am encouraged to think that from now forward there will be less of each individual working by himself, and more of consulting, each other's interests than there has been in the past."

"The branch of the industry which gives the best prospect for success, so far as the domestic market is concerned," said Mr. Whitman, "is that of smoked fish. The problem is mainly one of distribution; in fact this is also the chief problem in the fresh fish business. Cold storage has helped fresh fish distribution considerably, but it is not the panacea which its inventors thought it would be. Our efforts so far as concerns smoked fish will be to encourage the raising of our standards and to enlarge the market, and as I have said we are hopeful of good results."

Mr. Whitman then discussed the work of the Association as it would apply to the export trade. "I do not believe," said he, "that we could advocate much change in our bank fisheries. They are profitable to the fishermen and with their present cure they can, taking one season and another, market practically all they catch, and so far as I can see there is no way they could cure their fish which would bring more profits than the one in vogue at present. We are, however, hoping to make an improvement in our pack of pickled fish, at least we will work with that purpose in view. The new Inspection Act which came in force last week is designed with this intention, and Mr. Cowie the Government expert, will be here shortly to personally co-operate with the fish trades in assisting in its adoption. Meetings with the fishermen will be held at various places along the Shore and all who have a direct interest in the fisheries will be invited to co-operate in our work. The first annual meeting of the Association will be held at Lunenburg on the third Wednesday in September, and we are hoping to make it a great success. The recommendations made at this meeting will be passed along to the executive of the Association, the head office of which is at Montreal, and it in turn will pass these along to their final destination."

Elsewhere in this issue we have referred to the importance of the work which is before this new organization; work which may prove to be the first step in a great development of our fishing industry.—Halifax Maritime Merchant.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Shelburne, N. S. Saturday and cleared.

Schs. Annie M. Parker, Premier and Elsie cleared from Canso, Saturday for the Magdalen Islands.



# NETTERS HAVE THEIR INNINGS

**Eighteen Little Craft at Fulton Market  
This Morning With From 1200 to  
5000 Fish Each—Three Seiners  
Also In.**

Good reports still continue to come from the southern seiners, three more fares having arrived at Fulton market this morning, besides a batch of netters. It was the banner day for the boats of the season, the catches ranging from 1200 fish in count to 5500 the largest.

The arrivals in detail are:

## Seiners.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch, 10,000 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, 15,000 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Lewis Carritt, 15,000 fresh mackerel.

## Netters.

Joanna, 1800 fresh mackerel.  
Florida, 1400 fresh mackerel.

Hockomock, 1700 fresh mackerel.  
Earl and Nettie, 1200 fresh mackerel.  
Hiawatha, 1200 fresh mackerel.  
W. H. Clements, 1700 fresh mackerel.  
Lewis Totman, 1700 fresh mackerel.  
Bertha, 2500 fresh mackerel.  
Ethel Marion, 5500 fresh mackerel.  
Cara T., 2400 fresh mackerel.  
Harry and Thelma, 2500 fresh mackerel.  
Aquinnuck, 2500 fresh mackerel.  
Dart, 2400 fresh mackerel.  
August, 3500 fresh mackerel.  
Conquest, 3300 fresh mackerel.  
Bessie M. Dugan, 5000 fresh mackerel.  
Louise, 1200 fresh mackerel.  
A. L. Steison, 200 fresh mackerel.  
With the large receipts of the past two days, wholesale prices dropped to 16 cents each for large, 12 cents for medium and eight cents for small.

## NEW MAINE STEAM TRAWLER READY

The work of transforming the portie steamer East Hampton to a beam trawler has been completed at the wharf of the Portland Company and she has just made a very successful trial trip, going some 15 miles off shore, and developing a speed of about 12 miles an hour, the run in from the lightship to Portland Head, a distance of 7 3/4 miles, having been made in 38 minutes. Considerable change has been made in the appearance of the steamer, her forward house having been shifted aft about amidships, nearly half her deck being smooth and clear, broken only by the main hatch and the steam hoist which sets close to the house. The hoist is a mammoth piece of machinery, being depended on to raise the drag to the surface when it is filled with fish. Capt. Peter Tobin, formerly of the steamer Heroine, will have charge of the East Hampton when she goes into commission this week, her crew all told numbering 22 men.

Steamer Alice, Capt. George Rice, came up from Boothbay Sunday to engage in fishing. On the way up when about a mile outside of White Head, she picked up a dory in which were six

of the workmen employed at Fort Levett. The party had been on a fishing trip and the boat being poorly equipped with oars was drifting rapidly out to sea when the Alice came along, it blowing quite fresh at the time with a rather choppy sea. The boat was taken in tow and the party landed at the wharf at Cushing's Island.

Two Gloucester schooners arrived yesterday with halibut, the Pauline having 3000 pounds in addition to 20,000 pounds of salt cod, while the Mystery hauled for 10,000 pounds of halibut and an equal amount of other fish.

Two beam trawlers were in Sunday with small catches for the Burnham & Morrill factory, the Crest hailing for 20,000 pounds and the Surf having only 25,000. The fish are reported as very scarce at all the localities visited by the steamers.

## Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish—Although stocks have been considerably reduced, especially at San Juan and Mayaguez, there are no early signs of improvement. In Ponce, where the supply on hand is plentiful, holders are hurrying sales under pressure of advices of fresh cargoes on the way. The worst feature of the situation is the lack of demand. The following figures represent actual sales made of articles in sound condition "net ex wharf."

Large cod, \$26.50 to \$29 per cask 450 lbs., small and medium cod, \$26 to \$28.50 per cask 450 lbs.

Pollock and Haddock—The low prices ruling for cod have at last affected these descriptions of fish. We quote same at about \$23 per drum of 448 lbs. with small demand.—S. Ramirez & Co.

Codfish—We notice some disposition on the part of buyers to acquire a strictly sound article in the neighborhood of \$28 per cask. At this price sales are registered at both San Juan and Ponce of shipments of Nova Scotia cod received by the str. Coamo last week. Gloucester goods, strictly superior also, were placed at \$27 per cask and under. Large cod sell at the same price of medium. Stocks of all sizes are considerably reduced and the situation should improve at no distant date.

Pollock and Haddock—Stocks are also small and there is some demand for these articles at about \$23 per drum of 448 lbs. "net ex wharf."—S. Ramirez & Co.

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## N. S. NOW LOOKS TO CAPE NORTH

In reviewing the situation in the fishing industry of Nova Scotia, the Maritime Merchant says:

There is no improvement in the West Indies, and as a result the price of old season's fish at Lunenburg has dropped to \$6; several small lots changed hands at this figure last week. There is said to be about 30,000 quintals of these fish in Nova Scotia at the present time.

The European markets are all well supplied with fish and prices have a tendency to be easier. Both Northern and Southern Brazil markets are in pretty good condition at the moment, but easier prices are forecasted in the former province for the near future. Importers there say that consumers cannot afford the figures now being asked. The United States market is absolutely lifeless so far as our dried fish are concerned.

The vessels that are in from the early spring trip report a catch of 18,000 quintals, and only 7,000 of these are cod. There will not be much profit for the fleet as a result of this voyage. However, the latest news to hand is encouraging. April 27 saw the first vessel to report its arrival at the Magdalen. This is an earlier date than usual and as a supply of bait is assured it should not be long until we hear of good hauls being made off the coast of Cape North. An item of information from Norway last week gives hope of improved prices for the fishermen. The item referred to stated that the Norwegian catch to date was 12,000,000 fish less than last year. Who knows but this may be as good a season in the Nova Scotia fisheries as we have had for some years?

## Sawyer Hauled Out.

Steamer Sawyer, Capt. George E. Heckman, concluded her season in the gill net fishery yesterday.

## DUTY RULING OF IMPORTANCE

Holding that the provision in graph 216 of the 1913 tariff act for other fish \* \* \* in tin packages specially provided for in this section controls over that for "fish, skinned or boned," the Board of United States General Appraisers, overruled Wednesday the protest of the T. J. Burger Co. The assessment at 14 cent, made by Collector Malone, was affirmed. The importers had claimed the fish to be dutiable at 3-4c pound.

General Appraiser Brown wrote decision for the board. It is, in part, as follows:

"Congress, in the act of 1913, greatly simplified and shortened the present fish schedule and abolished the economic provisions for particular kinds of fish and grouped all fish under distinct classes or heads, grading duty on those classes under the general plan as in the act of 1909. It is, 'by means of a series of graduated rates based primarily on the condition of the fish, the rate of duty increasing as the state of advancement increases, considering the package, the pack and the preparation, all taken together.'"

"The skinned or boned provision is construed as applicable only to rough or crude product slightly advanced from the crude state, and therefore taxed at a low rate of duty. Results in a revenue provision such as we would naturally expect to find in this act entitled, 'An act to reduce tariff duties and provide revenue for the government and for other purposes, particularly in the light of the provisions of the fish schedule of the act of 1909, which is superseded.'"

"Even the rule that a clause controlling an economic description general controls as the more specific provision can not prevail in the face of a congressional intent to the contrary."

"Considering then that the economic rule is but another phase of the rule to determine which paragraph is most specific, the general intent manifestly clearly from the whole fish schedule must control over the narrow exception sought to be given to the words, 'specially provided for,' producing illogical results above demonstrated."

"For the above reasons, we hold that the provision for 'all other fish' in tin packages, not specially provided for in this section, controls over that for 'fish, skinned or boned,' and holding, we overrule the protest." Fishing Gazette.

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